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Dear Mr. Curie,

The new standards the government wants to adopt for drug testing are truly indicative of the current administrations lack of respect for the privacy of our citizens lives. It's truly humiliating to have to give urine samples for prospective employers, and now your agency would like to add saliva samples and hair samples?

The entire prevailing attitude of having to prove you're NOT a drug addict in order to get employment goes entirely against the grain of American Justice that is supposed to "presume" innocence until guilt of a crime is proven. It's particularly galling now when folks are unemployed for an average of 8 months that in order to obtain desperately needed employment and health benefits they MUST FIRST SUBMIT TO AN INVASION OF THEIR BODILY FLUIDS AND TISSUES OR AUTOMATICALLY BE PRESUMED TO BE A DRUG ADDICT and therefore denied employment on those grounds.

This is one of the worst aspects of the American Government's "War on Drugs". Is it any wonder our Government has lost the respect of its' allies and citizens alike?

Sincerely,
Rebecca Rubinstein

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